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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Friday, 12 July 1991, at 10.30 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 40 OF THE COVENANT (agenda item 4) (continued)

Second periodic report of Morocco (CCPR/C/42/Add.10) (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that on the previous day, Thursday, 11 July, the date set for resuming consideration of the second periodic report of Morocco, the Human Rights Committee had received a request from the Moroccan delegation that television reporters should be excluded from the room. The delegation had, however, stated that it would be prepared to accept a decision authorizing the television reporters to film the brief introduction by the head of delegation before the Committee resumed consideration of the report, after which they would have been invited to withdraw.

2. After a discussion, the Committee had decided not to request the television reporters to withdraw; its decision had been communicated to the Moroccan delegation, which had then asked to be allowed time to consult its Government. In the course of the evening, the head of delegation had officially notified the Chairman of the Committee that it would not be possible for the Moroccan delegation to participate in the Committee's work under conditions which he had termed unusual and abnormal. At the same time, the head of delegation had indicated that the Moroccan delegation would be ready to accept a further invitation to meet the Committee under conditions which would not interfere with the proper course of the work of the meeting and in an atmosphere of serenity and trust.

3. Since the present situation, on 12 July 1991, was that it was unable to have a dialogue with the delegation of the State party, the Committee was obliged to defer further consideration of the second periodic report of Morocco until its next session, in autumn 1991.

The public meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.